

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: SS4A FY2024 Implementation Grant Application Town of Southington

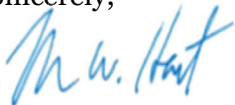
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is pleased to support the Town of Southington's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program for the West Street Corridor Safety Improvements project.

The project seeks to reduce crashes and prevent fatalities and serious injuries along West Street (CT-229), which is identified as a High Crash Corridor in the Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP), the region's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. In 2022, the project area was further studied through development of the West Street/CT-229 Corridor Study jointly completed by CRCOG and Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. That study identified opportunities to improve safety, which are proposed with this application. This grant will be used to implement FHWA proven safety countermeasures including 1) leading pedestrian interval signalization, 2) appropriate speed limits for all road users, 3) crosswalk visibility enhancements, 4) backplates with retroreflective borders, and 5) dedicated left turning lanes at intersections. Such improvements will include enhancements to pedestrian safety through building new walkways and high-visibility crosswalks, appropriate speed limits, improving traffic maneuvering, realigning intersections, and new and improved pedestrian and vehicle signalizations.

We support the Town's efforts to improve road safety in our region, and respectfully request that you fully fund this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart  
Executive Director, CRCOG

CC: Paul Chaplinsky, Jr., Town of Southington, Town Council Chair  
Mark Sciota, Town of Southington, Town Manager  
CRCOG Policy Board and Transportation Committee

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Re: SS4A FY2024 Implementation Grant Application Town of Manchester

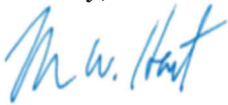
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is pleased to support the Town of Manchester's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program for the Downtown Manchester Improvements Project.

The Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP), which serves as the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, identifies the project area as both #1 in the region for Non-Motorized Crash Corridors, and as a high-frequency crash corridor overall. Funding from this grant will be used to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes in Downtown Manchester. The project includes four FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures including: 1) a road diet converting a four-lane undivided roadway to two through lanes and center two-way left-turn lane; 2) two proposed roundabouts; 3) a new two-way cycle track; and 4) crosswalk visibility enhancements.

We support the Town's efforts to improve road safety in our region, and respectfully request that you fully fund this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart  
Executive Director, CRCOG

CC: Jay Moran, Town of Manchester, Mayor  
Steve Stephanou, Town of Manchester, Town Manager  
CRCOG Policy Board and Transportation Committee

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Re: SS4A FY2024 Planning & Demonstration Grant Application University of Connecticut  
Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

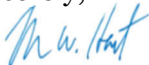
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is pleased to support the University of Connecticut's (UConn's) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program. UConn's Storrs campus is a census-designated place (CDP) in the Town of Mansfield, CT. The application requests planning and demonstration funds to prepare and complete a detailed supplemental safety action plan to the CRCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP). This supplemental plan will capture the unique challenges faced by a large college campus located in a rural community.

The network in Storrs serves a significant number of pedestrians and bicycles, as well as motorized and non-motorized modes of transportation such as skateboards, scooters, e-bikes, and wheelchairs. In October 2022, UConn published an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) in which faculty, staff, students, and residents identified barriers to a connected and safe active transportation network. The ATP needs to be further developed and supported with data and project demonstrations to allow for future infrastructure implementations to succeed. UConn's project, as described within the application, takes a systemic approach to improve safety for all road users.

We support the University's efforts to improve road safety in our region, and respectfully request that you fund the full request of the application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart  
Executive Director, CRCOG

CC: Mr. Sean Vasington, Director of Site Planning & University Landscape Architect, UConn  
CRCOG Policy Board and Transportation Committee

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Re: SS4A FY2024 Implementation Grant Application West Hartford SS4A Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is pleased to support the joint application from the Town of West Hartford and West Hartford Public Schools to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program.

The Town recently completed a Vision Zero Action Plan, and now seeks funding to implement several action items cited in the plan. Projects will include engineering studies, educational campaigns, and roadway safety improvements (quick-build and short-term) located on the Town's High Injury Network or within designated Vision Zero Focus Areas. Planning and Demonstration activities are also proposed.

Planning and design activities conducted using grant funds will result in the implementation of projects that will address the Town's goal to eliminate roadway deaths and serious injuries by 2033, and to improve mobility options for all residents.

We support the Town's efforts to improve road safety in our region, and respectfully request that you fund the full request of the application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart  
Executive Director, CRCOG

CC: Shari Cantor, Town of West Hartford, Mayor  
Rick Ledwith, Town of West Hartford, Town Manager  
CRCOG Policy Board and Transportation Committee